MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

April 14, 1999
MAG Office Building, Palo Verde Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman
Jim Book, Glendale
Brian Latte, Chandler
Gary Thomas, Gilbert
Pierre Pretorius, Maricopa County
Alan Sanderson, Mesa
Mike Frisbie, Phoenix
Randall Overmeyer for Scott Miller, RPTA

*   Ellis Perl, Surprise
    Jim Decker, Tempe
    Tim Wolfe, ADOT
    Alan Hansen, FHWA
    David Cowley, AAA Arizona
*   Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation

* Not present or represented by proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas Fowler, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Sharon Hansen, Castle Rock Consultants
Sarath Joshua, MAG

1.   Call to Order

      The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2.   Approval of the March 17, 1999 Meeting Minutes

      The minutes of the March 17, 1999 meeting were unanimously approved.

3.   Call to Audience

      Chairman Hogan made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to
      address the ITS Committee. None in the audience spoke.

4.   ITS Project Rating System Refinements

Sarath Joshua provided an overview of the refinements made to the ITS project rating system by the Rating System Subcommittee. He indicated that the Rating System now consists on only two components as opposed to three previously. All future ITS projects will be classified in to one of two categories: (1) Transit ITS or Advanced Public Transportation Systems(APTS) Projects and (2) Non-APTS Projects. The two previously considered areawide and route specific project categories were now consolidated into one category. Terminology used to refer to some rating factors were redefined to accurately reflect the data sources used.

During an open discussion on the merits of the refined system, subcommittee members Alan Sanderson and Brian Latte commented on the intent of the changes. Chairman Hogan and several members complimented the subcommittee on the work. As the next step, Sarath Joshua agreed to utilize data used in the last TIP process to carry out a trial run on the new system.

5.   Update on AZTech & AZTech Phase 2

Pierre Pretorius provided an update on the AZTech project. Plans were underway to provide AZTech workstation training during April-May. The four contractors in AZTech Phase 2, Cue, TranSmart, PBS&J and SmartRoute Systems are under contract with expected products to be available by this summer. The second meeting of the organizational study on the future of AZTech was held on April 6th 2-4 PM. A team from PBS&J is carrying out the architecture mapping of AZTech. It is expected to be completed by end of June. Member agencies will be contacted by PBS&J on this project. The first AZTech Showcasing event is scheduled for April 26th. Approximately 30 people are expected. The AZTech Data Server or ADUS project is underway. Sarath Joshua us heading a AZTech ADUS subcommittee that is leading that effort. ADUS System requirements specifications and ADUS procurement of the system will follow. During a discussion on the status of Traffic information on local cable channels, Jim Book indicated that Glendale is also trying to provide traveler advisories on cable TV. An existing IGA has been modified to facilitate this. David Cowley indicated that the Head of AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety will be in town next week.

6.   Progress on the RFP on ITS Strategic Plan

An update on the status of developing an RFP for this project was provided by Sarath Joshua. A handout with key points on progress to date, key tasks and the project oversight process was distributed. He informed committee members that the RFP was being reviewed internally and was expected to be released by end of April. A request was made for volunteers to serve on the selection panel. Gary Thomas, Pierre Pretorius and Tim Wolfe agreed to serve on the panel.

During the discussion on project oversight, the committee agreed that all project oversight meetings should be held at MAG rather than at the jurisdictions. Chairman Hogan pointed out that it would be beneficial to provide an executive summary and project progress presentation to the TRC. Sarath Joshua indicated that there will be four newsletters during the project that would serve as executive

summaries. Presentations to TRC could be scheduled at these milestone points.

7. Ramp Metering and HOV Bypass

This item was removed from the agenda. Sarath Joshua informed the committee that he has been instructed to further investigate state of the practice across the nation and provide that information as a backdrop for future discussion of this topic.

8. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Mike Frisbie pointed out the successful traffic management at the Ball Park events. Pierre Pretorius informed the committee that county has announced an RFI for planning and designing Smart Corridors utilizing county funds. Tim Wolfe mentioned that at the ITS America Annual Meeting next week in D.C. an AZTech Booth will be set up. Chairman Hogan announced that Scottsdale City Council approved the contract on Monday for the city's ITS project in the TIP. The selected firm was Holmes & Narver.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was confirmed as 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 1999.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.